आरम्भिक रूप में नेयवेली लिग्नाइट कारपोरेशन (ने० लि० का०) द्वारा क्रियान्वित की जानी थी। किन्तु ने०लि०का० के पास स्रोतों की कमी होने के कारण इस परि० को राज्य/संयुक्त निजी क्षेत्र को स्थानान्तरित किए जाने की सम्भावना है।

Settling claims of Bangladesh Freedom Fighters

@ 1870. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA .- Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta High Court has issued a Writ of Mandamus upon Government of India directing it to take effective steps for settling the claims of the petitioners (freedom fighters) fully and finally within a period of six months by giving an opportunity of hearing to them in respect of their properties in East Pakistan, (now Bangladesh) and June 1991 ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof made absolute the rule issued on 12th and what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Honourable Calcutta High Court has passed such a judgement. The Government has filed a stay petition and preferred an appeal against the judgement. The matters is sub-judge.

Impact of European Imports

1871. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has agreed to erase impact of European imports into the country;

@ Previously Starred Question no 1071 transferred from 2-3-94.

(b) whether it is also a fact that Europe an community has imposed a heavy duty on several items of imports from India ;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) what action is being taken to rectify the position ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Trade with European Union is carried out in the multi-lateral framework of GATT which enjoins non-discrimination between nations, inter-alia, on the matter of import duties.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Non-Payment of Wages to Tea Garden Workers

1872. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation regarding the non-payment of wages and salaries to the emplo yees working in Retong, Vah-Tukver and Pashok Tea gardens under the T.T.C.I. in Darjeeling Hills ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to redress the problems of these employees; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) ; (a) Representations have been received from various quarters regarding non-payment/ delayed payment of salaries and wages to workers and employees of Pashok Vah-tukvar and Petong Tea Estates owned and managed by Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) and (c) Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd. have informed that some